

RAINES DECLARED SANE BY ALIENISTS

Must Stand Trial on Charge of Killing Miss Eva Chambers.

CASE IS SET FOR APRIL 1

Accused Man Manifests Great Interest in Hillsville Tragedy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Salem, Va., March 25.—Joshua Raines, the prosperous market gardener and trucker, who last January shot and killed Miss Eva Chambers, a Roanoke county school teacher, now here, today was pronounced a sane man by a lunacy commission composed of Drs. J. C. King and W. F. Drewry, who were appointed by Judge Moffett to determine his sanity. After a careful and thorough investigation of the prisoner and listening to the testimony of those who have had opportunity to observe the conduct of Raines, this decision was reached at 1 o'clock today, and a formal report was made to the court to that effect.

At 1 o'clock Judge Moffett went on the bench and addressed the counsel in the case. The Commonwealth's attorney, R. W. Kime, was present, while the defense was represented by J. P. Saul, Jr.

Briefly Judge Moffett informed the counsel that the commission had decided that this prisoner is sane. He said the court is willing to enter upon the trial of the case at once. Mr. Kime informed the court that the Commonwealth was ready, but Mr. Saul demurred to entering upon the trial before the April term, which is near. Accordingly Judge Moffett set the trial for Monday, April 1, and requested the lawyers to give Sheriff Hatcher a list of their witnesses at once, that there might be no delay. A venire acting will be issued at once by the court, and a large number of jurors will be summoned. Indications are that the trial will begin promptly next Monday morning and go forward without further delay.

Report of Commission.
The formal report of the commission follows:

"Salem, Va., March 25, 1912.
"His Honor, Judge W. W. Moffett, Salem, Va.:
"Dear Sir:—In obedience to your order of March 1, 1912, we, the undersigned, have made a thorough investigation into the present mental condition of Joshua P. Raines, now confined in the jail of Roanoke county, based upon our several personal examinations and observations March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 20, 21, 23 and 26, and upon the testimony of a number of persons who have frequently seen, observed and talked with him, we are of the opinion that the said Joshua P. Raines is at this time sane."

"Respectfully,
"W. F. DREWRY,
"J. C. KING."
Raines took calmly the news that he had been declared sane. A flicker of a smile appeared upon his features as he heard the words that meant he must stand trial for his life for the murder of Miss Eva M. Chambers. It is evident that he is in no wise disturbed over having been declared sane, and apparently he is glad that the suspense is ended.

While the decision of the commission means that the defense cannot rely on the plea that the prisoner is insane, it does not prevent them from making their fight to clear Raines on the ground that he was insane at the time the killing was done. This probably will be their line of defense, and Commonwealth's Attorney Kime is preparing to meet that issue.

Raines takes a deep interest in the Hillsville tragedy and the subsequent hunt for the Aliens. He has told Sheriff Hatcher that it is the worst crime he ever heard of, and has expressed repeatedly the hope that the Aliens will be captured and brought to justice. He reads the newspapers, and devours with avidity every word of print relating to the hunt of the



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men who shot up the Carroll County Court.

Raines does not talk much concerning his own case. He reads the Bible considerably, and apparently is striving to set himself right with his God. He does not speak often of the killing of Miss Chambers, but has repeatedly said that he does not know what caused him to do it.

Story of the Crime.

The Raines case has attracted more attention in Roanoke county than any other crime here in years. Miss Chambers, a popular and efficient young school teacher, was shot and killed by Raines in the public highway on the morning of Wednesday, January 24 last, as she was on her way to her school. The slayer threatened others whom he met, and rode to Salem and surrendered to Sheriff Hatcher. Later he was taken to P. S. Hatcher for safekeeping, and remained there until brought back to Salem February 3 and indicted at a special term of the court by a special grand jury.

In the meantime Mrs. Raines was arrested, but was subsequently released on motion of the Commonwealth's attorney, no evidence being adduced to connect her with the crime. Judge Moffett set February 23 as the date for the trial of Raines to begin. A jury was selected, but not sworn, and on March 2 a motion was made by the defense to appoint a commission in lunacy to determine the question of the prisoner's sanity. The prospective jurors were discharged and the evidence heard. March 4 the commission was appointed, and began taking evidence.

EXPRESS NO PREFERENCE.
Democrats of Pearlburg Silent on Presidential Question.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Pearlburg, Va., March 25.—A Democratic mass-meeting here today elected delegates to the State convention, ten in number. No preference for presidential candidate was expressed. The meeting adopted a resolution endorsing Hon. F. P. St. Clair as a delegate to the Baltimore convention from the Ninth District.

Judge Martin Williams addressed the meeting, giving an account of his stewardship in the Legislature. Gives Democrats are preparing for the fall campaign, and the county will give its usual majority for General Ayers for Congress.

HOOKWORM AND THE BOOKWORM

Superintendent Eggleston Uses the Two to Answer Some of His Critics.

TELLS HOW BOTH DO HARM

Bookworm Sometimes Stifles Mental Energies—Some Sharp Talk.

Nothing reply by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. D. Eggleston, Jr., to repeated criticism of his administration from a reactionary element of Virginia educators is made in the preface to the school fair Bulletin soon to be issued. Beginning with the caption, "The Hookworm and the Bookworm," the State Superintendent removes pieces of cattle from the back of his detractors at every stroke. His reply is especially striking in view of the silence he maintained in the face of attacks during the last session of the Legislature.

Following is a copy of the preface to the Bulletin which is now in the hands of the Public Printer:

Two of the greatest drawbacks to real education in Virginia are the hookworm and the bookworm.

The hookworm is a physical handicap, weakening the body, producing an anaemic condition, and sapping the energies of the person affected. It thrives through ignorance of, and careless in regard to, certain simple laws of health and sanitation, and is a running mate with the typhoid germ. Its divinity, like that of the typhoid germ, is Deceitful, the god of fifth, which fatally shapes the ends of thousands.

The Rockefeller commission, with the hearty co-operation and assistance of the State Board of Health and the State Board of Education, is eliminating the hookworm and incidentally making life a burden to the typhoid germ instead of allowing the latter to be a burden to life.

The bookworm is a mental and spiritual handicap. It sometimes stifles, and often causes a misdirection of the mental energies. One of its most dangerous tendencies is to cause the mind to make false mentalities, while in making these to be all-important. This naturally affects the character, inducing moral astigmatism, as the mind and heart thus affected are unable to function properly.

Tends to Warp and Destroy.
Along with the hookworm, the bookworm tends to warp and destroy the three fundamentals of education, which are a healthy body, properly directed energies of mind and will, and an unselfish outlook on life.

This tendency sometimes makes the victim neglect to cultivate the social and spiritual energies latent in every human being. This neglect often results in spiritual and social myopia, which prevents foresight and limits the spiritual and social energies to an attempt to cure evils which, with the bookworm eliminated, might easily be prevented. For example, the bookworm, the natural ally of the hookworm, having produced a condition of mental and spiritual myopia, and a laissez faire attitude toward life, causes its victim to wait for the hookworm, and the typhoid and other germs, to afflict people before an attempt is made to cure these terrible scourges of the human race. Its victims look upon typhoid, diphtheria, tuberculosis, pneumonia, grippe, and other preventable diseases as visitations of a mysterious Providence, instead of visitations of natural causes clearly preventable.

As bad as the hookworm is, its effects are small compared to those produced by the bookworm. The bookworm's worst effect is the attitude towards life it produces in its victims. One strange delusion it produces is that culture—pronounced "culchur" by its victims—exists in book knowledge. The victim is taught to look upon the book for the sake of knowledge, and not for social service—and that one should not will until one knows. Its formula may be expressed in the sentence, "He that knoweth will do." Its practical effect has been to teach how to know as to "do" others. This is diametrically opposed to the standpoint of Jesus Christ, whose entire life and teaching was, "He that wills to do, shall know." Another effect of the bookworm is its capacity to render the mind and soul impervious to new ideas and new ideals. It produces a marvelous capacity to resist the entrance of simple truths. It destroys teachableness and open-mindedness. It encourages complicated life and divided aims, and rejects that spiritual simplicity, which would show itself in open-mindedness properly directed toward social improvement.

Another Strange Delusion.
Another strange delusion produced by the bookworm is that to teach a child how to do something that is really useful from an economic standpoint is to encourage "materialism," and to weaken spirituality. The educational formula of this attitude may be expressed by the sentence, "True education consists in teaching a child that which he cannot use in everyday life," or, "If it is useful, it is 'material' education and is therefore of high ideals; if useless, it is pedagogical." It is so fearful that the biblical injunction, "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth," may be disregarded, that it prevents other hand from doing anything. This delusion has grown from the delusion that honest work of some kind is degrading, while honest work of other kinds—usually classed as the "professions"—is highly honorable. In its acute form it regards work with one's hands as lacking in "good form," while work with one's hands for one's own personal profit is thought to be the hallmark which distinguishes the class from the mass.

The General Education Board, through the United States Department of Agriculture, the United Agricultural Board of Virginia, and the State Board of Education, in co-operation with each other, are eliminating the bookworm. The Boys' Corn Club and the Girls' Garden and Poultry Club, organized and conducted through the demonstration work, is the best known treatment for the disease, and this is greatly helped by the supplementary treatment of school garden clubs, sewing clubs, cooking clubs, and similar institutions. Two of the most valuable aids in applying this treatment are the school improvement leagues and the county school fairs.

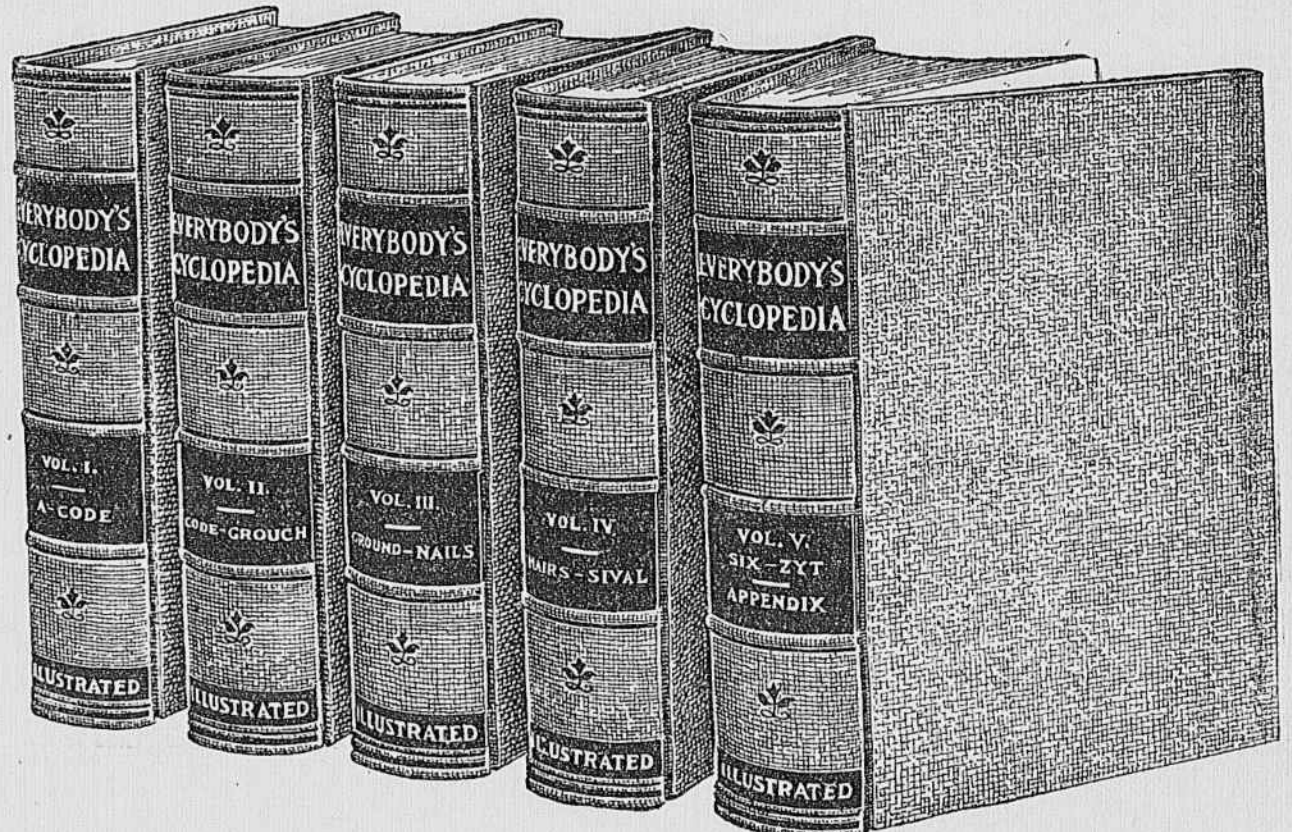
These various lines of treatment, which are strikingly similar in purpose, though differing somewhat in method—open the physical, mental, social and spiritual pores and thus tend to throw off the bookworm poison that clogs the individual system and that has in fact fastened itself on the body politic. If the treatment is ap-

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MAN IS FOUND DEAD WITH NECK BROKEN

His Cousin, Held as Witness, Says He Was Killed by Negro.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Luray, Va., March 26.—His neck broken, in addition to numerous bruises over his body, Clarence Shifflett, of Greene county, was found dead on the outskirts of Luray at a late hour last night. According to statements of Fountain Shifflett, who, with the dead man, was heading his way on a Norfolk and Western train from Shenandoah Junction, they were assaulted by a negro who was also riding on a gondola with them. Fountain Shifflett, who is now in the Luray jail, being detained as a witness before the coroner's jury, says the negro made a demand of Clarence Shifflett for money. Shifflett informed him that he did not have any change, whereupon the negro drew a rock

from his pocket and hurling it at Shifflett, knocked him from the car. Then the negro assaulted Fountain Shifflett, who is terribly beaten up. The alleged negro assailant has been arrested at Shenandoah, twelve miles south of Luray. The bottom of the car was covered with blood.

The dead man is a son of Fardney Shifflett, and a cousin of the man in jail. Fountain Shifflett is a son of Mrs. Barbara Shifflett, a widow. They are from the Blue Ridge.

Staunton Minister Resigns.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Staunton, Va., March 26.—Rev. A. B. Miller has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Church of the Brethren here to accept a call to the Brethren Church at Hagerstown, Md., one of the largest Dunkard Churches in the organization. He expects to assume his duties at Hagerstown in June. Mr. Miller is one of Staunton's most active Christian workers.

CONVICT SHOT BY GUARD.

Edward Jackson Seriously Injured While Trying to Escape.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Danville, Va., March 26.—Edward Jackson, a young white man, serving a term of six months in jail for vagrancy and contempt of court, made a desperate effort to escape from the chain gang this morning. Evading for a moment the vigilance

of his guard, he broke the chains from his leg with a hammer with which he was quarrying stone, and got a seventy-five yard start of the officer. The latter chased him, called him to halt, then fired with his revolver, hitting the man in the back, the bullet landing in the man's stomach. He was brought to the hospital, where his condition is serious. Reagin, the chain gang guard who shot him, was placed under a \$500 bond for his appearance at a preliminary hearing in the Mayor's court on April 5.

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